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## HISTORICAL STATEMENT

The Bill which created the Kansas State Teachers College, then to be known as the State Manual Training Normal School, was passed by the 1903 legislature, however the Bill carried with it no appropriation for buildings or even a site for the new institution.

In 1905 the legislature made an appropriation of \$10,000 with which to purchase a site for the new institution, but still no appropriation was made for buildings. Each biennium a small appropriation had been made for the operation of the school which was used in buildings furnished gratis by the city of Pittsburg.

In 1907 the legislature made the first appropriation for buildings - an appropriation of \$150,000 with which to erect an Administration building in which would be housed the entire institution including even the heating plant. In 1909 the building was completed, and the State Manual Training Normal School moved into its first permanent home.

The first faculty for the year 1903-04 consisted of 5 members, and the total enrollment for that year was 143 different students. The faculty with faculty assistants at present numbers 214.



From one building opened in 1909 the institution now has 14 beautiful up-to-date structures. From a meager equipment of shops, laboratories and library the institution now has most splendid and extensive laboratories and shop equipment. From an enrollment the first year of 143 the college had an enrollment for the year 1926-27 of over 5,000 different students.

The first degrees were conferred upon a class of 13 in 1913. In 1927, 250 degrees were conferred upon as many different college graduates. Also the same year 501 persons completed the two-year course and were awarded life diplomas.

The college now has 18 well organized departments all offering senior college work, and leading to a major in their respective fields.

In addition to offering extensive work in practical arts including home economics, the institution also offers the following regular departments of high college rank: Biology; Commerce and Business Administration; Education; Psychology and Educational Philosophy; Rural Education; Chemical and Physical Sciences; English; Fine and Applied Arts; Foreign Languages; History; Physical Education; Geography; Mathematics; Speech.

The legislature of 1923 changed the name of the institution from the State Manual Training Normal School to the Kansas State Teachers College of Pittsburg, Kansas.